

## Textbook Innovations at Tri-C



A team of five Tri-C faculty members was recently honored with a University System of Ohio 2011 Ohio Faculty Innovator Award for their efforts to improve educational content and reduce the cost of course materials.

In related news, Tri-C and Barnes and Noble have partnered to offer a text book rental program beginning in Fall 2011.

### **Faculty Honored for Textbook Innovation**

A team of five Tri-C faculty members has won a University System of Ohio 2011 Faculty Innovator Award for their creation of a developmental math course that provides all the resources necessary for students to complete the course without traditional textbooks. The team also developed instructor resources to guide course implementation.

With 70 percent of incoming Tri-C students testing into developmental math, Tri-C offers 16-18 sections of the course each term. This innovation is estimated to save each student \$172.

The annual awards recognizing 10 University System of Ohio faculty or faculty teams who have found creative ways to reduce the cost of course materials for students while also improving educational content were announced March 10, 2011.

The winning Tri-C team was made up of faculty members Donald Gabriel, Jennifer Garnes, Amanda Hanley, Jennifer Kucera and Susan Nagorney. The team also received assistance from Tri-C's Office of eLearning & Innovation with Sasha Thackaberry serving as instructional designer and project manager, and Danielle Budzick as course production specialist.

### **Textbook Rental Coming Fall 2011**

Cuyahoga Community College has partnered with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers to offer a textbook rental program beginning in Fall 2011.

The rising cost of text books has been a major concern for students, faculty and administrators at Tri-C and other institutions around the nation for many years. The new textbook rental program will be in addition to students' existing options of new, used and digital textbooks.

"We have seriously listened to our students about textbook affordability and this text book rental option is a direct result of those conversations with our students and working with our

Book Store partners Barnes and Noble," says Chris Moir, executive director of Campus Services and Retail Operations.

884 textbook titles will be available for rent this fall, and estimated savings to students over the course of the next academic year is \$3,496,082. For example, if a new textbook is \$100, the used version is \$75. That book can be rented for \$49, and a digital format can be purchased for \$40.

Students who opt to rent a text book can do so with cash, credit card, and Student Financial Assistance, but each rental must be guaranteed with a credit card. If the book is not returned at the end of the semester then the credit card will be charged for the cost of the textbook.

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